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Examiner: William K. Cheung

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PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, which sets forth a restriction requirement. The Examiner has set a one-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before April 16, 2004.

In the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth a two-way restriction requirement and requests that applicants elect one group for examination purposes.

In response, the applicants elect with traverse the subject matter of Group I drawn to a blend product. This group encompasses claims 1-23, 33, and 34.

However, the applicants respectfully point out that a Preliminary Amendment was filed with this application which canceled claims 1-11 and 33. Thus, Group I, at this time, will encompass claims 12-23 and 34.

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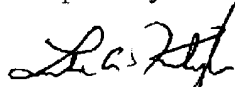
Furthermore, the applicants respectfully point out that once claim 12 is allowable, a rejoining of the process claims, namely process claims 24-32, should occur.

Under M.P.E.P §803, if there is no serious burden in the examination of all of the claims, even if the claims are directed to separate inventions, the Examiner must examine all claims at this time. It would appear that §803 applies to the current situation and therefore the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all claims should be examined at this time.

In particular, the remaining claims should be examined at this time since it appears that there is no serious burden on the part of the Examiner to examine all of the claims at this time. Each of the subject matter set forth in the claims is related to the extent that the searches by the Examiner would be overlapping and thus no serious burden on the Examiner would result. Accordingly, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all of the claims should be examined at this time. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement so that all claims are examined at this time.

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